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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 2-28-55

WEATHER The week was cold, cloudy and windy, with severe cold one morning, and over the northern portion of the State on two other mornings. There was no precipitation of consequence.

CROPS Reports on winter wheat continue favorable, except for some of the late seeded wheat on light soils that is subject to wind erosion. The snow of the past week was generally too light to be of any benefit in the wheat belt and high winds caused the snow to drift badly.

The supply of hay is ample with considerable surplus in some of the counties. Prices are a little lower, with some baled alfalfa hay selling as low as \$16 and \$17. a ton.

There was increased activity in the procurement of oats and barley for spring seeding. Interest in commercial fertilizer continues.

The blizzard of the past week was severe, particularly in the north-central portion of the State, where snows ranged from 6 to 8 inches in depth. There was heavy drifting of snow because of high winds, which also blocked roads.

This blizzard area extended mostly from Sheridan east to Holt county, and south from Garden eastward to Logan and Garfield counties, covering practically all of the Sandhill area. Fortunately, temperatures ranging down to 18° below zero were of short duration.

Creamery butter production in January totaled 5,730,000 pounds, which is 3% less than in January 1954. However, January production was still 16% above the 1949-53 January average.

LIVESTOCK Losses of livestock from last week's storm were generally reported as light. There was some loss of newly born calves and pigs. The weather of the past two weeks has been unfavorable for feeding livestock. Feed lots were muddy after the thaws.

Considerable calving has taken place to date following the earlier trend of the past few years. The trend of farrowing is also earlier. Hay and feed supplies, with few exceptions, have been ample; and there is still considerable surplus. Livestock is in good condition.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 28, 1955

Eastern Division

Grand Island 0
Lincoln .04
Norfolk 0
Omaha .11
Sioux City 0

Central Division

Burwell 0
North Platte 0
Valentine 0

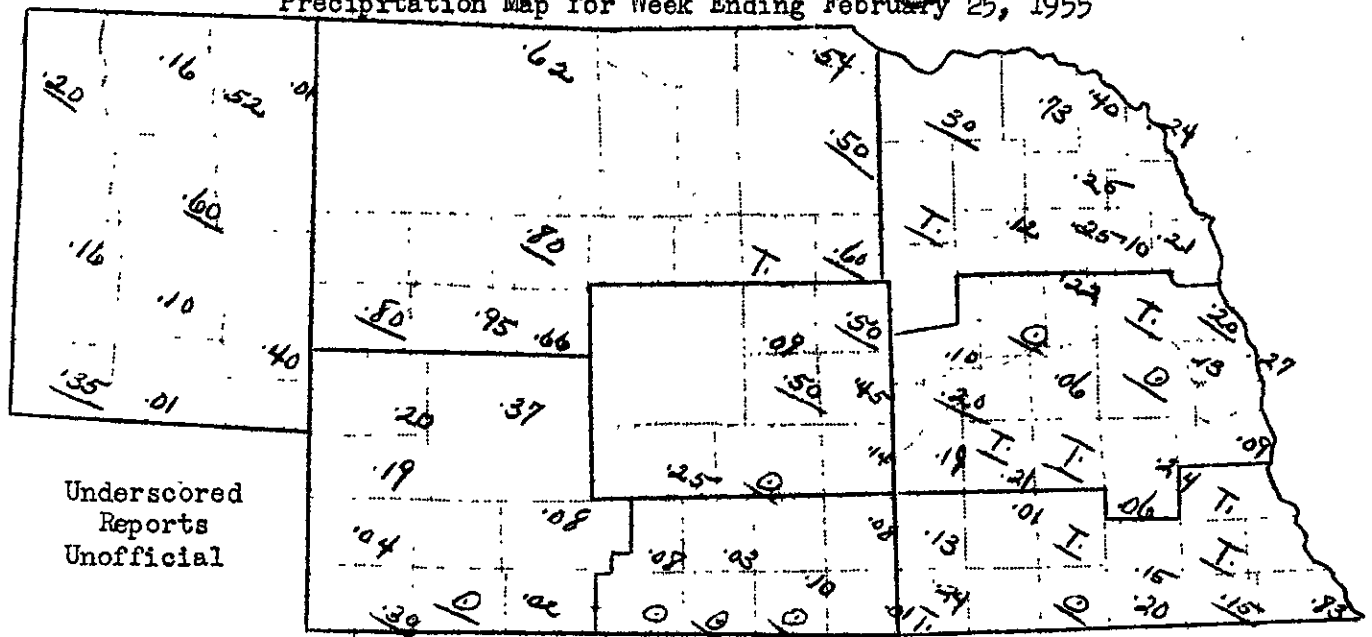
Western Division

Chadron 0
Imperial 0
Scottsbluff .01
Sidney .01

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending February 25, 1955



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (High for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		February													
		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	26	-4	27	6	15	-18	38	20	49	3	14	4	41	15
	Scottsbluff	29	3	31	8	19	-4	40	13	48	12	20	8	50	21
	Sidney	28	3	33	10	19	-4	35	10	45	10	18	8	45	23
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--	13	-11	19	12	--	--	10	7	36	23
	Valentine	28	-2	27	6	7	-16	27	17	44	-1	5	2	--	--
NE	Norfolk	30	2	38	12	18	-7	17	15	41	13	15	11	33	26
	Sioux City	28	4	31	11	19	-5	9	2	41	15	31	12	28	24
CEN.	Grand Island	32	17	38	20	28	-4	21	16	42	13	--	12	28	25
E-C	Lincoln	36	21	43	29	33	3	22	16	45	27	29	15	30	27
	Omaha	32	14	35	21	29	-4	13	9	40	25	25	13	25	24
SW	Imperial	31	1	36	13	16	-7	38	9	42	8	13	10	43	17
	North Platte	29	1	34	7	14	-7	31	9	36	4	12	8	37	15

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